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Egypt hosts second round of peace talks

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Egypt hosted the second round of Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations today in the Red Sea resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh following the initial direct talks held in Washington earlier this month.

This round of discussions included Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Ahead of the two-hour bilateral and multilateral meetings, Secretary Clinton and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak held a bilateral preparatory meeting.

President Abbas and Prime Minister Netanyahu "have agreed to begin first on working to achieve a framework agreement for permanent status. That work is now well under way," said United States Special Envoy to the Middle East George Mitchell, who was also present for the discussions.

Briefing the media after today's talks, Mitchell said the goals remain a two-state solution, condemnation of violence and working toward security, and a resolution of all issues. The parties are aiming toward resolving all core issues within the next 12 months.

The talks will continue in Jerusalem on Wednesday. The two-day talks will be the last before the expiration of Israel's settlement moratorium on September 26.

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